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SUBJECT: Change to the DODFMR, Volume 7A, Regarding -Basic Allowance for
Subsistence when On Temporary Duty, (DFAS Item G-82)


Attached is DFAS Interim Change 29-98 to Chapter 25 of the DoDFMR, Volume 7A. It is effective January 1, 1998.

The purpose of this change is to include provisions for payment of Basic Allowance for Subsistence to enlisted members under orders for duty away from their permanent duty station. This change is the result of Section 605 of the FY 1998 National Defense Authorization Act and issuance of Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Memorandum of March 7, 1998. It is a complete chapter rewrite.

We have evaluated your comments on the draft change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A. The attached final version of the change includes your comments where appropriate.

Assignment of an interim change number is your authority to start a procedural modification to facilitate this change. For the Denver Center, use the attached to initiate the formal printed change to the DoDFMR and the interim change message.

Our point of contact, Mr. Gary McGee, may be contacted at DSN 332-5280 or (703) 602-5280.


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Attachment:
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BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS)

1. Revise the Bibliography by replacing the entries under Chapter 25, Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) with the following:

2501-General Provisions	250101	EO 11157, Part III, 22 June 1964, as amended Public Law 105-85, Section 602, 18 Nov 1997
	250102	EO 11157, 22 June 1964
	250102B	DoD 1338.10-M, May 1992
	250102J	USD(P&R) Memo, 7 Mar 1998
	250102K	USD(P&R) Memo, 7 Mar 1998
2502-BAS Policy and Determinations Respon- sibility	250201A	OASD(FM&P) Memo, 15 Jun 1989
	250201C	Public Law 105-85, Section 602, 18 Nov 1997
	250201E	OASD Memo, 26 Aug 1981
	250201F	Public Law 105-85, Section 605, 18 Nov 1997
	250201G	Public Law 105-85, Section 605, 18 Nov 1997
	250201H	Public Law 105-85, Section 605, 18 Nov 1997
	250201M	52 Comp Gen 23
	250203A	42 Comp Gen 558
	250204	OASD(FM&P) (RM&S) Memo, 15 June 1989
		OASD(MPP) Memo, 14 Nov 1994
	250206	OUSD Memo, 4 Apr 1995
	250207	OUSD(P&R) Memo, 30 Sep 1994 OUSD Memo, 4 Apr 1995
2503-Conditions of Entitlement	250302B	MS Comp Gen B-130033, 29 Jan 1957
	Table 25-1	
	Rule 6	29 Comp Gen 163
	Rule 7	DoDD 1322.6, 4 Aug 1981 10 U.S.C. 2603, 4341 & 9341 5 U.S.C. 5536
	Rule 8	37 U.S.C. 420
	Rule 11	2 Comp Dec 300 MS Comp Gen B-160588, 10 Mar 1967
	Table 25-3	OASD Memo, 26 Aug 1981
	Rule 3	USD(P&R) Memo, 7 Mar 1998

Rule 4 37 U.S.C. 420
Table25-4
Rule 2 39 Comp Gen 614
Rule 4 39 Comp Gen 615
Rule 8 32 Comp Gen 348
Table25-5 OASD(FMP)(MPP)COMP Memo,
9 Jan 1998
Table25-7 DODFMR, Vol 12, Chap 19
OUSD Memo, 26 Sep 1997

2. Replace the entirety of Chapter 25 with the following:

CHAPTER 25

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE (BAS)

2501 GENERAL PROVISIONS

250101. Entitlement. Except as otherwise provided by law, members who are entitled to basic pay are entitled to BAS under the conditions set out in this chapter. Effective 1 January 1998, enlisted members being subsisted in kind are entitled to a Partial BAS payment as set forth in this chapter. Effective 1 January 1998, enlisted members temporarily assigned to duty away from their permanent duty station or to duty under field conditions at their permanent duty station are entitled to BAS at a rate not less than that which they had at their permanent duty station as set forth in this chapter.

A. Enlisted Members. These members may become entitled to one of the following types of BAS on a daily basis:

1. Full BAS at the rate:
 - a. When rations in kind are not available (RIKNA); or
 - b. When permission to mess separately is granted (SEPRATS); or
 - c. When emergency ration conditions are approved (EMRATS).
2. Partial BAS at the rate when subsisted in kind.

B. Officers. Generally, officers entitled to basic pay are entitled to a full BAS at all times on a monthly basis. Officers are not entitled to a partial BAS.

C. Advance Payments. Advance payment of BAS is authorized under the circumstances specified in part four, chapter 32.

D. Effect on Overseas Station Allowances. BAS under this chapter is in addition to the overseas cost of living allowances authorized by Joint Federal Travel Regulations Volume 1, (JFTR), Chapter 9, part B2 (reference (d)).

250102. Specialized Terms. Apply the following terms to BAS determinations:

A. Government Mess. See the Definitions.

B. Subsisted in Kind. Applies to enlisted members who do not receive any of the full BAS types because they are furnished meals or rations at no charge from an appropriated fund dining facility or are subsisted at no charge on behalf of the government.

C. Appropriated Fund (APF) Dining Facility. A generic term used in lieu of Government mess, general mess, dining hall, dining activity, dining facility, mess hall, galley, field kitchen, flight kitchen, or similar terms used to describe dining facilities funded totally by appropriated funds. It excludes activities operated by non-appropriated fund instrumentalities such as officer's mess, club, organized mess and all similar terms.

D. Subsisted at Government Expense. Applies to all members:

1. Subsisted in kind; or

2. Furnished meals or rations on behalf of the U.S. Government. Meals or rations furnished without charge by a government contractor or a foreign government or through a fellowship, grant or intern program while a member is receiving basic pay, either under the terms of a contract or agreement or on a complimentary basis are considered to be furnished on behalf of the U.S. government.

E. When Rations in Kind Are Not Available. Applies to enlisted members while on duty at a permanent station where a government mess is, in fact, not available or where it has been determined that it is impracticable for the government to furnish subsistence in kind.

F. When Permission To Mess Separately is Granted. Applies to enlisted members authorized to subsist themselves independently while on duty at a permanent station where a messing facility is available for subsisting them. The term also applies to enlisted members during periods of travel for which per diem or reimbursement is provided for meals and during authorized leave.

G. When Emergency Ration Conditions Are Approved. Applies to enlisted members assigned to permanent duty under conditions requiring extraordinary expenses for subsistence where no government messing facilities are available.

H. Partial BAS. Applies to enlisted members receiving basic pay who are being subsisted at government expense and not receiving any of the types of full BAS and who are not in basic training.

I. Supplemental Subsistence Allowance. The supplemental subsistence allowance is a per meal payment that, when added to the enlisted member's current BAS, brings the total to the RIKNA rate. Applies to enlisted members receiving Partial BAS for being subsisted in kind and to those receiving SEPRATS:

1. Whose assigned duties require them to be absent from their permanent station and/or their working hours or duties prevent them from obtaining certain meals from a mess operated by or on behalf of the government or require them to buy a meal or meals from other than a government mess; or

2. When proper authority determines that a mess operated by or on behalf of the government is, in fact, not available for part of a day. (Example: Mess is closed for reasons beyond the control of the installation commander, such as equipment failure.)

J. Field Duty. Any maneuvers, war games, field exercises, or similar operations in excess of 180 days where a member is subsisted in a mess operated by or on behalf of the government or with an organization drawing field rations.

K. Sea Duty. Service performed by a permanent party crewmember in a self-propelled vessel that is in an active status, in commission or in service, and is equipped with berthing and messing facilities.

L. Essential Unit Messing (EUM). Any group messing declared by appropriate authority as essential for operational readiness, the conduct of military operations or necessary for the effective conduct of training where members are required to use messing provided by or on behalf of the Government. Members are entitled to travel reimbursement for incidental expenses, but not for subsistence. Designation for essential unit messing shall be applied only to organizational units and to operational elements and detachments, not to individual service members.

M. Temporary Field Assignment (TFA). Any maneuvers, war games, field exercises, or similar operations of 180 days or less where a member is required to use messing provided by or on behalf of the Government. Member's travel reimbursement is the same as for field duty.

N. Temporary Afloat Assignment (TAA). Any service performed on a temporary duty basis in a self-propelled vessel that is in an active status, in commission or in service, where a member is required to use messing provided by or on behalf of the Government. Member's travel reimbursement is the same as for sea duty.

2502 BAS POLICY AND DETERMINATIONS RESPONSIBILITY

250201. BAS-Policy.

A. Normally, enlisted members in pay grades below E-7 who are assigned to single government quarters at their permanent duty station are subsisted in kind. For uniformity in making determinations, government messes available in the geographical area must be used to the fullest extent compatible with economy and efficiency.

B. Enlisted members undergoing basic training are subsisted in kind and not entitled to Partial BAS.

C. Except during basic training, enlisted members who are subsisted in kind are entitled to Partial BAS. Enlisted members on field duty (over 180 days) or permanent sea duty are subsisted in kind and entitled to Partial BAS. Note: Enlisted members serving on permanent sea duty, receiving Partial BAS and assigned to a private mess, such as an officer's wardroom or chief petty officer's mess, whose subsistence in kind ration entitlement is commuted to that mess, will have the commutation value limited to the difference between the current SEPRATS and the Partial BAS paid to the member.

D. Enlisted members on authorized leave (including proceed time, authorized delays en route between duty stations chargeable as leave, and convalescent leave) are entitled to full BAS at the SEPRATS rate, regardless of the BAS type authorized at their permanent duty station.

E. Enlisted members performing PCS travel (including TDY/TAD enroute) under orders away from their designated post of duty are entitled to full BAS at the SEPRATS rate, regardless of the BAS type authorized at their previous or subsequent permanent duty station.

F. Enlisted members performing regular or permissive TDY/TAD (not associated with PCS travel) or admitted to hospital as inpatients under orders away from their designated post of duty will retain the BAS entitlement they held at their permanent duty station, except that the rate will not be less than SEPRATS.

G. At the completion of basic training, enlisted members although entitled to Partial BAS, are not considered to be performing travel (TDY/TAD or PCS) under orders away from their designated post of duty (including processing) if such member:

1. Is a non-prior service enlisted member serving on a first tour of active duty,
2. Has not actually reported to a permanent duty station pursuant to orders directing such assignment, and
3. Is not actually traveling between stations pursuant to orders directing a change of station.

H. Enlisted members under orders for temporary field assignment, temporary afloat assignment, essential unit messing, or group travel, will retain the BAS (including Partial) and subsistence entitlement which they held at their permanent duty station. Note: Enlisted members serving on temporary afloat assignment, receiving Partial BAS and assigned to a private mess, such as an officer's wardroom or chief petty officer's mess, whose subsistence in kind ration entitlement is commuted to that mess, will have the commutation value limited to the difference between SEPRATS and the value of the Partial BAS paid to the member.

I. Enlisted members authorized to mess separately are entitled to full BAS at the SEPRATS rate.

J. Enlisted members serving under conditions where subsistence at government expense is not available or where it is impracticable to provide subsistence at government expense are entitled to full BAS at the RIKNA rate, except while on leave or travel.

K. Enlisted members receiving either Partial BAS or SEPRATS are entitled to a supplemental subsistence allowance when conditions are determined to warrant full BAS at the RIKNA rate for specific meals.

L. Officers are generally entitled to full BAS at all times except when in an excess leave status, absent without authority for more than 24 hours consecutive hours or otherwise not entitled to basic pay.

M. Enlisted members carried in a missing status are entitled to full BAS at the RIKNA rate. (See subparagraph 340302.)

N. When members of one or more Service perform duty under similar conditions at installations or are assigned to activities within the same area, the commanders will confer to ensure uniform determinations on the authorization of BAS. If commanders of more than one Service cannot agree on a uniform BAS rate, the senior officer within the area will report the differences, fully documented, through channels to the Secretary of Defense.

O. When members of more than one Service perform duty at an installation, the installation commander makes the BAS determinations. Such determinations are binding on all personnel of the DoD performing duty at that installation.

P. Military members may not receive a full BAS (SEPRATS, RIKNA, EMRATS or officer BAS) and meals or rations at no charge for the same period of service. Members in receipt of any type of full BAS must pay for meals and rations. This is a personal obligation of the individual. Meals or rations may be paid for with cash, by payroll deduction or by collection/reduction of otherwise entitled travel per diem. Meals or rations provided by or on behalf of the Government shall be paid for or charged at the rate set-by the Department of Defense Comptroller. Meals furnished by commercial air carriers (including AMC charter flights) are not meals furnished by a Government mess or on behalf of the Government.

250202. Determinations of Duty Under Emergency Conditions. Authorizations for BAS at the EMRATS rate may be granted only with the approval of the Secretary of the department concerned, or the Secretary's designee. This approval authority may not be redelegated.

A. Authorizations. Authorizations may be made for periods not to exceed 180 days. In approving original and subsequent authorizations, practicability and cost of establishing government messing or contract facilities must be considered.

B. Request for Approval. Requests for authorization approvals are submitted through channels to the applicable office below:

1. OASA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (ATTN: DAPE-PRR-C), 300 Pentagon, Washington DC 20310-0300.

2. Chief of Naval Operations, (ATTN: N-130), 2 Navy Annex, Washington DC 20370-2020.

3. HQ USAF/DPRC, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-1040.

4. Commandant of the Marine Corps (MPP) Washington DC 20380-0001.

250203. Determinations of Nonavailability and Impracticability.

A. When a Government Mess Is In Fact Not Available. The installation commander will determine if rations in kind are not available for enlisted members performing duty at that installation.

B. When Location of Government Mess Makes Its Use Impracticable. Commanding officers will determine when the location of a government mess, in relation to members' posts of duty, makes its use impracticable. See paragraph 250201 and Table 25-2 for policy guidance and rules for making such determinations.

C. When Mission Prevents Use of Government Mess. A determination of impracticability may be made by the Secretary concerned or the Secretary's designee for enlisted members whose assigned duties are such that use of a government mess would adversely affect their mission. Address recommendations for such determinations to the office listed in subparagraph 250202.B.

D. When Duty Prevents Use of Mess. Commanders or their designees may determine if members' assigned duties or unusual work hours prevent the members from eating certain meals in a government mess. See Table 25-4, rules 5 and 6 for criteria.

250204. Authorization To Mess Separately.

A. Separate Service regulations may provide automatic blanket authorization for enlisted members in pay grades E-7 and above and for enlisted members in pay grades E-1 and above who are residing with their dependents (except basic trainees). This includes members married to members, with no dependents, who reside together at the permanent station. In addition, members authorized single rate BAH are authorized to mess separately. Such authorizations are in effect continuously except as provided in paragraph 250302 or in the Service regulations.

B. Separate Service regulations may permit commanders (including enlisted commandant of the non-commissioned officer (NCO) Academy) to grant authorization to mess separately to enlisted members based on two factors such as: location of a member's residence, specialized duties, working hours, dining hall capacity, or distance to the mess hall. These factors are guidelines and should not be construed as all encompassing. Additional extenuating factors deemed appropriate by commanders (including enlisted commandant of the non-commissioned officer (NCO) Academy) may also be considered. Each application should be considered on its own merit.

C. The following is a list of applicable Service regulations:

1. Army Members. Authorization to mess separately will be made in accordance with ALARACT message 061/98.

2. Navy and Marine Corps Members. Authorization to mess separately will be made in accordance with the Naval Military Personnel Manual (reference (an)) or the current edition of Marine Corps Order 10110.33 (reference (ao)).

3. Air Force Members. Authorization to mess separately will be made in accordance with DFAS-DE 7073.1-M and DFAS-DE 7073.2-M (reference (ap)).

250205. Review of Determinations. Review of all determinations, except those pertaining to members who have been authorized to mess separately under subparagraph 250204.A, must be made annually or when conditions to entitlement change, or more frequently if necessary pursuant to paragraph 250202, subparagraphs 250203.A and B, and subparagraph 250204.B. Review is to ensure compliance with the policies outlined in this section. When review shows that existing determinations fail to meet requirements, they will be canceled.

2503 CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT

250301. Officers. Generally, officers are entitled to BAS regardless of grade or dependency status. Compute this allowance by the month, as for basic pay. See Table 25-1 for specific conditions of entitlement.

250302. Enlisted. Enlisted members are entitled to BAS on a daily basis. See tables 25-3 and 25-4 for specific conditions of entitlement.

A. Limitation. Authorization to mess separately cannot cover retroactive periods. However, this does not prevent payment of SEPRATS from the time of an oral authorization by proper authority if the oral approval of the member's request is promptly confirmed in writing.

B. Continuous Entitlements.

1. Enlisted members temporarily assigned to duty away from their permanent duty station and entitled to the same BAS they held at their permanent duty station will continue their BAS entitlement without interruption.

2. Enlisted members will continue their BAS entitlement without interruption upon discharge or retirement and reenlistment or recall to active duty at the same station within 24 hours.

3. Enlisted members receiving RIKNA will continue that entitlement without interruption during weekends, holidays, administrative absence, pass, or liberty.

C. Subsistence Allowance-Shore Patrol Duty. A member on sea duty or temporary afloat assignment who is assigned to temporary shore patrol duty is performing duty under orders away from their permanent duty station. They receive BAS as for other members on temporary duty. If they are entitled to Partial BAS at their permanent duty station and receive per diem or reimbursement for meals under the JFTR for their shore patrol duty, they become entitled to BAS at the SEPRATS rate. A member on shore duty performing shore patrol duty in the area of the permanent duty station will be entitled to BAS based upon the same factors used for others performing duties in the vicinity of the permanent duty station.

250303. Prorated and Supplemental Subsistence Allowances.

A. Any change among BAS types (see paragraph 250101A) or between full BAS and subsistence in kind, caused by a status change which extends beyond a single day, shall be credited on a full day basis without being prorated. The appropriate full day entitlements are as follows:

1. An enlisted member shall be entitled to BAS at the SEPRATS rate for any day they are under orders for leave or PCS travel. This includes the day of commencement and day of termination of the status under those orders.

2. An enlisted member entitled to Partial BAS at their permanent duty station shall be entitled to BAS at the SEPRATS rate for any day under orders for TDY/TAD (other than TAA, TFA, EUM or group travel) or as a hospital inpatient. This includes the day of commencement and day of termination of the status under those orders.

3. An enlisted member assigned to permanent sea duty or field duty (over 180 days) shall be entitled to Partial BAS for full days in such status. The day they enter and the day they terminate permanent sea duty they shall be entitled to a full day of BAS at the rate to which they are otherwise authorized.

4. An enlisted member who changes BAS status (to include termination) at the direction or under permission/direction of a commander, under blanket authority, or at their own request; shall have the entitlement change take effect at the beginning of the day specified.

B. BAS will be supplemented only for individual meals that are missed or not available due to impracticability, duty requirements, or temporary dining facility closure.

2504 BAS RATES

250401. Current rates for full and Partial BAS are in Table 25-5.

250402. Current rates for supplemental BAS are in Table 25-6.

2505 MEAL COLLECTION RATES

250501. Any member receiving a full BAS type must pay for all meals and rations provided to them by or on behalf of the government. All meals furnished by or on behalf of the U.S. Government will be charged at the rates established annually by the USD Comptroller. There are two daily rates for meals, the discount rate and the standard rate. The current rates for meal collections are in Table 25-7.

A. As described in Volume 12, Chapter 19, of this Regulation, the discount meal rate applies to meals and rations provided by or on behalf of the U.S. Government to a member on full BAS and not receiving per diem for subsistence, who is performing duty under the following circumstances:

1. On sea duty or temporary afloat assignment,
2. On field duty or temporary field assignment,
3. Under group travel,
4. Under essential unit messing,
5. On a U.S. Government aircraft (passengers or crew),

6. On Joint Task Force (JTF) operations with reduced per diem as specified in the Joint Federal Travel Regulations paragraph U4800 (when the operation is for purposes other than training and the base sites are temporary installations or the dining facilities are temporary establishments.)

B. The standard meal rate applies to meals and rations provided by or on behalf of the Government to any member not authorized the discount meal rate. The standard meal rate applies to any member entitled to per diem for subsistence, except those on Joint Task Force Operations as described in subparagraph A.

C. All members receiving any type of full BAS and not on per diem orders, in the following listed categories, will have the collections for meals deducted from their pay account. The collections will be for full days at the discount meal rate, except that the first and last day will be collected at 25% of the discount meal rate. Exception to pay account collection will be made for any meals paid in full by the individual in cash.

1. Sea duty or temporary afloat assignment,
2. Field duty or temporary field assignment,
3. Group travel,
4. Essential unit messing.

D. Generally, in circumstances other than those listed above, members receiving full BAS will pay for meals in cash or by collection/reduction of subsistence per diem from their travel claims. Members on JTF operations, under per diem travel orders, will generally have the subsistence portion of their per diem withheld or deducted from their travel reimbursement as payment for meals provided in theater. Members on regular TDY/TAD travel who receive deductible meals (meals at no cost) have the subsistence portion of their per diem reduced as payment for meals provided on behalf of the government.

E. Members being subsisted on behalf of the government, where no other collection means exists, should have collection for meals made through their pay account at the appropriate rate.

250502. Collections from individual pay accounts, for meals and rations provided by the government or on behalf of the government, will be credited to the appropriation specified by each military Service.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF ENTITLEMENT AND NON-ENTITLEMENT (BAS)-OFFICERS			
R U L E	A	B	C
	When an officer is	and	then the officer is
1	in a travel status	is entitled to mileage, travel per diem allowance, or to other monetary allowances	entitled to BAS (note 2).
2	on leave		
3	in excess leave status		not entitled to BAS.
4	sick in hospital		entitled to BAS (note 1).
5	subsisted in a government mess or on behalf of the government		entitled to BAS (note 2).
6	serving in an active duty status as intern or resident physician or Nurse Corps officer or candidate at a state, county, municipal, or privately-owned hospital	is furnished meals without charge	entitled to BAS (note 2).
7	a student training on a fellowship, scholarship, grant, or a professor granted an award to teach at a university, etc.	is furnished meals without charge	entitled to BAS (note 2).
8	training for, attending, or participating in Pan-American games, Olympic games, or other specifically authorized international amateur sports competition	is subsisted during that period by the sponsoring agency	not entitled to BAS.
9	at home or other non-military place awaiting orders in connection with Physical Evaluation Board proceedings		entitled to BAS.
10	absent without authority for more than 24 hours at any one time	the absence is not excused as unavoidable	not entitled to BAS (note 3).
11	in confinement; awaiting trial by CM; serving CM sentence to forfeit basic pay but not allowances; serving CM sentence which included total forfeitures, if sentence is set aside and retrial ordered (subparagraph 480902.A)		entitled to BAS (note 1).

NOTES:

1. Collection for meals furnished in hospital will be prescribed by the regulations of the Service concerned.
2. Meals or rations provided by or on behalf of the U.S. Government will be paid for by cash or collection from pay or per diem at the rate specified by the DoD Comptroller (see Table 25-7). Officers will be charged for all meals and rations available, whether eaten or not, when under orders for field duty or temporary field assignments, essential unit messing, group travel, sea duty or temporary afloat assignment while underway, or when use of meals provided by or on behalf of the U.S. Government is directed by the commander or commanding officer. Meals provided from closed or private messes (e.g. traditional Navy wardroom mess) will be paid in cash by the individual officer at the rate prescribed by the mess treasurer.
3. Not entitled to BAS for the same number of days that basic pay is forfeited.

Table 25-1. Specific Conditions of Entitlement and Non-Entitlement (BAS)-Officers

DETERMINATIONS OF IMPRACTICABILITY FOR USE OF A GOVERNMENT MESS BY ENLISTED MEMBERS				
R U L E	A	B	C	D
	If	and	and	then
1	cost of providing the member transportation (Government or commercial) between duty and mess would exceed rations in kind not available rate less the when permitted to mess separately rate			use of the government mess may be determined impracticable, subject to rules 4 and 5 (note 1).
2	time between mess and post of duty is 30 minutes or less each way by Government transportation	there are no other extenuating circumstances		determination of impracticability will normally not be made. When time between mess and post of duty is more than 30 minutes, or there are extenuating circumstances, apply rule 3 below (note 1).
3	assigned duties of members are such that use of Government mess would adversely affect their mission			impracticability determination may be made by the Secretary of the military department concerned, or Secretary's designee, irrespective of other factors. Limit BAS to that authorized by Table 25-4, rule 4. See subparagraph 250203.C.
4	member regularly performs duty outside a military installation (such as in a downtown office building)		messing facilities are available on base and normally used by members at this station	impracticability determination will not be made for full rations in kind not available rate. Limit BAS to that authorized by Table 25-4, rule 5 or 6.
5	member lives in contract quarters at other than a government installation	member regularly performs duty at a government installation where mess is available and quarters are not available to single members	cost of providing the member transportation (government or commercial) between contract quarters assigned at other than a government installation mess would exceed the difference between the rations in kind not available rate and the when permitted to mess separately rate	determination of impracticability may be made for periods of off-duty (note 2).

NOTES:

1. Time and cost factors need not be applied for the noon meal when enlisted member's place of duty is not a military or naval installation.
2. A member is not entitled to BAS at the rations in kind not available rate during periods of leave, hospitalization, or travel status.

Table 25-2. Determinations Of Impracticability For Use Of A Government Mess By Enlisted Members

BAS ENTITLEMENT-ENLISTED MEMBERS-TRAVEL STATUS, LEAVE, HOSPITALIZATION AND OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES			
R U L E	A	B	C
	When enlisted member is	and member is	then, rate of BAS is (see Table 25-5 for rates)
1	in a regular TDY/TAD travel status (notes 1, 2, and 3)	not required by regulation to be subsisted in kind at no cost (see subparagraphs 250201E and F)	the same to which entitled at their permanent duty station, but not less than when permitted to mess separately (SEPRATS) rate-(note 4).
2	in a PCS travel status (note 3)		when permitted to mess separately (SEPRATS) rate-(note 4).
3	under orders for temporary field assignment, temporary afloat assignment, essential unit messing, or group travel (note 3)	directed to use meals or rations made available by or on behalf of the U.S. Government	the same to which entitled at their permanent duty station.
4	training for, attending or participating in Pan American games, Olympic games, or other specifically authorized international amateur sports competition	subsisted during that period by sponsoring agency	none.
5	on proceed time (note 3)		when permitted to mess separately (SEPRATS) rate.
6	on authorized leave, including delay en route chargeable as leave		when permitted to mess separately (SEPRATS) rate (notes 4 and 6).
7	sick in hospital		the same to which entitled at their permanent duty station, but not less than when permitted to mess separately (SEPRATS) (note 6).
8	in excess leave status		none.
9	in an unauthorized absence status		none (note 5).
10	confined in a guardhouse, brig, correctional barracks, or penal institution		none (note 7).

NOTES:

- Members are entitled to BAS at the rate authorized at their permanent duty station for the periods of authorized travel in connection with hospitalization and convalescent leave.
- Includes TDY/TAD under permissive orders.
- Meals or rations provided by or on behalf of the U.S. Government will be paid for by cash or collection from pay or per diem at the rate specified by the DoD Comptroller (see Table 25-7). Enlisted members receiving full BAS (SEPRATS, RIKNA or EMRATS) will be charged for all meals and rations available, whether eaten or not, when under orders for temporary field or temporary afloat assignments, essential unit messing, group travel, or when use of meals provided by or on behalf of the U.S. Government is directed by the commander or commanding officer. An enlisted member is not entitled to full BAS if furnished meals without charge.
- Members receiving overseas cost of living allowance may continue to receive such in addition to BAS while on leave outside the United States, or in Alaska, or Hawaii.
- Enlisted members receiving BAS forfeit 1 day's BAS for each day of unauthorized absence.
- Members will pay for meals eaten in a Government mess, or furnished by the hospital, either by cash or by collection from pay in accordance with the regulations of the Service concerned.
- If sentence to confinement is later disapproved or set aside, Partial BAS is payable for the period of confinement because the member was subsisted at Government expense.

Table 25-3. BAS Entitlement-Enlisted Members-Travel Status, Leave, Hospitalization and Other Special Circumstances

BAS ENTITLEMENT-ENLISTED MEMBERS-PERMANENT STATION					
R U L E	A	B	C	D	E
	When enlisted member is	and rations in kind are	and proper authority has	and member is	then, daily rate of BAS is (see Table 25-5 for rates)
1	at permanent station (note 5)	furnished by or on behalf of the U.S. Government without charge to member			Partial.
2		available but not furnished	granted permission to mess separately		when permitted to mess separately (SEPRATS) rate.
3		in fact not available	made determination of non-availability		rations in kind not available (RIKNA) rate (notes 1 and 7).
4		available but impracticable to furnish (note 2)	made determination of impracticability		rations in kind not available (RIKNA) rate (note 1).
5	assigned working hours or duties which prevent member from eating certain meals in a Government mess	available and furnished for other meals	made determination of impracticability under provisions of Table 25-2 and approved payment for specified meals	not entitled to travel per diem or mileage allowance	Partial rate plus supplemental allowance for each such meal (paragraph 250102.I).
6	assigned working hours or duties which require member to buy a meal or meals from other than a Government mess	available but not furnished for other meals	made determination of impracticability under provisions of Table 25-2; granted permission to mess separately; and approved payment for specified meals		when permitted to mess separately (SEPRATS) rate plus supplemental allowance for each meal (notes 1 and 3).
7	assigned to duty under emergency conditions with extraordinary subsistence expense	in fact not available	approved authorization for emergency ration rate		emergency rations (EMRATS) rate.
8	at home or other non-military place awaiting orders in connection with Physical Evaluation Board proceedings	not available			rations in kind not available (RIKNA) rate (notes 1 and 4).
9	serving on sea duty	available in a shore mess but not furnished	granted permission to mess separately		when permitted to mess separately (SEPRATS) rate.
10		available and furnished			Partial.
11		not available (note 6)			rations in kind not available (RIKNA) rate.
12	at home or other non-military place awaiting assignment orders, subsequent to separation as a Service Academy Cadet or Midshipman prior to completion of the 4-year program	not available			

NOTES:

1. A member is not entitled to BAS at the rations in kind not available rate during periods of authorized leave, or PCS travel status.
2. This rule applies only to those cases where the impracticability determination is made under Table 25-2, rule 3.
3. BAS at the rations in kind not available rate is not authorized for periods of absence, pass, or liberty. BAS at the when permitted to mess separately rate should be paid for these off-duty periods if permission to mess separately has been granted.
4. Entitlement begins on actual or constructive date of arrival home or other designated place, whichever date is earlier. (Compute constructive arrival date via authorized transportation mode based upon the rules and provisions of the JFTR, volume 1.)
5. For the purpose of BAS entitlement, the permanent station is that station where the dining facility is located. (Does not apply if there is no dining facility in the immediate geographic area.)
6. Applies when shipboard mess is closed while undergoing alterations, repairs or inactivation of ship, and rations are also not available in a shore mess.
7. All enlisted members, including those authorized to mess separately, are entitled to RIKNA whenever rations in kind are in fact not available, including periods when messing facilities are closed for one or more meals during a day.

Table 25-4. BAS Entitlement-Enlisted Members-Permanent Station

STANDARD BAS RATES (effective 1 January 1998)				
R U L E	A	B	C	D
	When the entitled type of BAS is	then the daily rate of BAS for an enlisted member in pay grade E-1 (with less than 4 months active duty) is	and the daily rate of BAS for an enlisted member in pay grades E-1 through E-9 (with over 4 months active duty) is	and the monthly rate of BAS for an officer is
1	Partial	.31	.31	N/A
2	SEPRATS	6.86	7.43	N/A
3	RIKNA	7.73	8.38	N/A
4	EMRATS	10.26	11.10	N/A
5	Full Officer	N/A	N/A	155.70

Table 25-5. Standard BAS Rates

SUPPLEMENTAL BAS RATES (effective 1 January 1998)				
R U L E	A	B	C	D
	When the entitled type of BAS is	and the member becomes entitled to RIKNA by having obtained approval for supplemental BAS for a missed meal at (Note 1)	then the supplemental rate of BAS for that meal for an enlisted member in pay grade E-1 (with less than 4 months active duty) is	and the supplemental rate of BAS for that meal for an enlisted member in pay grades E-1 through E-9 (with over 4 months active duty) is
1	Partial	breakfast	1.48	1.61
2	Partial	lunch	2.97	3.23
3	Partial	dinner	2.97	3.23
4	SEPRATS	breakfast	.17	.19
5	SEPRATS	lunch	.35	.38
6	SEPRATS	dinner	.35	.38

NOTES:

1. See Table 25-4, rules 3, 5 and 6.

Table 25-6. Supplemental BAS Rates

MEAL COLLECTION RATES (effective 1 January 1998) (Note 1)			
R U L E	A	B	C
	When a member receiving full BAS also receives subsistence	and the meal received is	then the collection rate is
1	from an appropriated fund dining facility at the discount meal rate (Note 2)	breakfast	1.20
2		lunch	2.40
3		dinner	2.40
4		daily total	6.00
5	from an appropriated fund dining facility at the standard meal rate (Note 3)	breakfast	1.60
6		lunch	3.20
7		dinner	3.20
8		daily total	8.00

NOTES:

1. Collections from pay under this table will be made only when a member is in receipt of a full BAS type and has not otherwise paid for meals provided at government expense (i.e., by cash, by personal check or charge, or by deduction/reduction of per diem). Collections from pay will be deducted from the member's pay account and credited to the appropriation specified by the military Service.
2. The discount meal rate applies to meals and rations provided by or on behalf of the U.S. Government to a member on full BAS (not entitled to per diem or other travel reimbursement for subsistence) who is performing duty in a U.S. Government vessel, a U.S. Government aircraft, on maneuvers, war games, field exercises, or similar operations, in a group travel status, or under essential unit messing. The discount meal rate also applies to meals and rations provided to a member assigned to Joint Task Force operations (for other than training) at temporary U.S. installations, or through a temporary dining facility. Meals furnished on behalf of the government means any meals or rations provided to a member receiving basic pay who receives subsistence free of personal charge from any source other than the government of the United States, or the treasury of a municipality or county or State within the U.S. and includes contractors, foreign governments, fellowships, grants, intern programs and other such sources.
3. The standard meal rate applies to meals and rations provided to any member not authorized the discount meal rate. This includes any member entitled to per diem for subsistence, except those on Joint Task Force Operations as described in note 2. Generally, when the standard meal rate is applicable, it will be collected, in cash from the member, by the dining facility.

Table 25-7. Meal Collection Rates